## **Huntington Beach Police Department**

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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Release Date/Time:September 1st, 2014 at 11:00 PM

Subject: Fatality Traffic Collision

Case Number: 14-013487

**Details:** 

On Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, at about 6:30 PM, the Huntington Beach Police Department received numerous 911 calls regarding a traffic collision in which a vehicle collided with a motorized bicycle in the area of Bolsa Chica Street and Oahu Drive.

Arriving officers located the injured bicyclist lying in the roadway being tended to by citizens. Huntington Beach Fire Department paramedics responded and transported the critically injured male to UCI Medical Center. The male ultimately succumbed to his injuries at the hospital. The bicyclist, a 55 year old resident of Huntington Beach, is not being identified until next of kin can be notified.

A white 2013 Mercedes C250, believed to be involved in the collision, was located nearby. The driver, a 51 year old male from Huntington Beach, was interviewed at the scene. He was ultimately arrested on suspicion of misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol.

The preliminary investigation indicated the bicyclist was riding southbound on Bolsa Chica from Kona when he was struck by the white Mercedes who was also driving southbound on Bolsa Chica.

The investigation is ongoing and is being conducted by the HBPD Major Incident Reconstruction Team (M.I.R.T). Investigators would like to speak to anyone who might have seen the events leading up to and including the collision.

Anyone with information about this collision is asked to contact Huntington Beach Police Accident Investigator Tai Huynh at 714-536-5670 or Accident Investigator Robert Barr at 714-536-5666. During non-business hours or on weekends, calls should be directed to 714-960-8825. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous should call Crime Stoppers at 1-855-TIP-OCCS (855-847-6227). Tipsters may also contact Crime Stoppers by texting to phone number 274637 (C-R-I-M-E-S) with a cell phone. All text messages should begin with the letters "OCCS."